



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 402**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-1o of the 2012 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) On or before [July 1, 2009] January 1, 2014, and every [five] four  
5 years thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
6 Development, within available appropriations, shall prepare an  
7 economic strategic plan for the state in consultation with [the Secretary  
8 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Energy  
9 and Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Labor  
10 Commissioner, the chairperson of the Culture and Tourism Advisory  
11 Committee, the executive directors of the Connecticut Housing  
12 Finance Authority, the Connecticut Development Authority,  
13 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, and the Connecticut Health  
14 and Educational Facilities Authority, or their respective designees, and  
15 any other agencies] any state agency the Commissioner of Economic  
16 and Community Development deems appropriate.

17 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and  
18 Community Development shall:

19 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational  
20 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development adopted

21 pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan for  
22 housing and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-  
23 37t;

24 [(2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning  
25 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested  
26 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community  
27 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community  
28 and housing organizations;

29 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing  
30 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce  
31 investment strategies;]

32 [(4)] (2) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges  
33 and opportunities of the state and against the economic development  
34 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

35 [(5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the  
36 planning process.]

37 (3) Provide opportunities for public input.

38 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but  
39 not be limited to, the following:

40 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state; [. Such  
41 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral  
42 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor  
43 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic  
44 trend analysis and projections;]

45 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or  
46 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut  
47 and its constituent regions; [. Such factors, issues or forces shall  
48 include, but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not  
49 limited to, commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology  
50 transfer, brownfield remediation and development, health care

51 delivery and costs, early education, primary education, secondary and  
52 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business  
53 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs  
54 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and  
55 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,  
56 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;]

57 [(3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing  
58 or declining within the state;]

59 [(4)] (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)  
60 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future  
61 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global  
62 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need  
63 for continued growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current  
64 and potential impediments to growth;

65 [(5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure  
66 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of  
67 the past and current economic, community and housing development  
68 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its  
69 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the  
70 performance of the current economic, community and housing  
71 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting  
72 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their  
73 impact on economic development and responsible growth in  
74 Connecticut;]

75 [(6)] (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut  
76 that identifies where the state should be in [five, ten, fifteen and  
77 twenty years] the future;

78 [(7)] (5) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives  
79 for the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals  
80 established under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to  
81 achieve said goals and objectives [, including, but not limited to, the  
82 following: (A) The promotion of economic development and

83 opportunity, (B) the fostering of effective transportation access and  
84 choice including the use of airports and ports for economic  
85 development, (C) enhancement and protection of the environment, (D)  
86 maximization of the effective development and use of the workforce  
87 consistent with applicable state or local workforce investment strategy,  
88 (E) promotion of the use of technology in economic development,  
89 including access to high-speed telecommunications, and (F) the  
90 balance of resources through sound management of physical  
91 development] by priority;

92 [(8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this  
93 section;]

94 [(9)] (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and  
95 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,  
96 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect  
97 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement  
98 methodology; and

99 [(10)] (7) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals  
100 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation  
101 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas. [;]

102 [(11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the  
103 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,  
104 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,  
105 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified  
106 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,  
107 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and  
108 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The  
109 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of  
110 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a  
111 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

112 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the  
113 development, research and economic assistance matching grant  
114 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and

115 (13) Any other responsible growth information that the  
116 commissioner deems appropriate.]

117 (d) On or before [July 1, 2009] January 1, 2014, and every [five] four  
118 years thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
119 Development shall submit [an] such economic [development] strategic  
120 plan [for the state to the Governor for approval. The Governor shall  
121 review and approve or disapprove such plan not more than sixty days  
122 after submission. The plan shall be effective upon approval by the  
123 Governor or sixty days after the date of submission.

124 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic  
125 development strategic plan] to the joint standing committees of the  
126 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,  
127 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state  
128 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days  
129 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web  
130 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

131 [(f) The commissioner from time to time, may revise and update the  
132 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall  
133 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic  
134 and Community Development.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-10
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subsection (d), the name of the plan was corrected to "economic strategic plan" for conformity.

**CE**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*